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**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued September 24, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Claims: 1-15

Cited Literature:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-143358
2. Harushi Tsukada, Keiko Kumaya, Makoto Isaji and Kazuo Tanaka: "Introduction to the MOCHA mobile information distribution mechanism," Information Processing Society Research Report, Information Processing Society, 29 May 1998, Vol. 98, No. 53, (98-MBL-5), pages 63-70

3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-134407

Remarks

Cited Literature 1-2 describe the arrangement of a server (center) and navigation device which transmit and receive necessary travel related information as desired, based on a created travel plan.

Furthermore, the arrangement whereby the time discrepancy of the actual travel in relation to the initial plan is recognized to update the travel plan is already a well known arrangement in navigation devices and the like, as indicated for instance in Cited Literature 3.

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched - IPC 7th Edition - G06F - 17/60 and others

Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-36798  
(Arrangement whereby travel plan is created and used via a server on a mobile terminal)

Keiko Kumaya, Makoto Isaji and Katsumi Kishida: "Automobile-oriented information distribution system MOCHA-Navi," NTT R&D, Telecommunications Association, 10 April 1999, Vol. 48, No. 4, pages 383-390

(Same as aforementioned Cited Literature 2)  
Hitachi Hyoron, Vol. 82, No. 9 (September 2000)  
Makoto Shiotani et al. "A service platform linking mobile people to an information society," pages 17-20

(The example configuration of an application on a mobile terminal on page 20, Figure 5, etc., can be referred to.)

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection."

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


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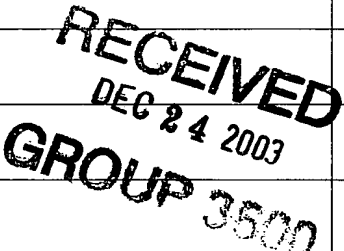
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